

## **REMARKS**

Claims 28, 29 and 36 are pending in the present application. Claim 28 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

## **RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

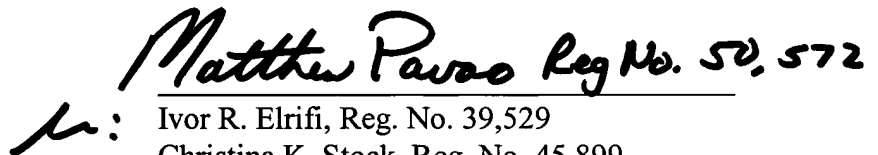
The Examiner has stated that the proposed amendments submitted in Applicant's February 3, 2004 Response were not entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search and they raise the issue of new matter (*See*, Advisory Action). Specifically, the Examiner has stated that new claims 50-52, which Applicant attempted to add in the Amendment and Response filed on February 3, 2004, raise new issues that would require additional consideration and search and (*See*, Continuation Sheet).

However, Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that amended claim 28 and dependent claims 29 and 36, as submitted with the February 3, 2004 Response would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed Amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). Applicant thanks the Examiner for this suggestion and have withdrawn proposed claims 50-52, which were included in the February 3, 2004 Amendment and Response. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later application.

## CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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